GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDO- NEPAL JOINT VENTURE
Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indo-Nepal joint venture established so far; and

(b) the steps taken to promote these ventures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S.ELANGOVAN)

(a) India is the leading source of Foreign Direct Investments in Nepal, accounting for one-third of foreign investments. There are 295 Indian Joint Ventures in Nepal with total Indian Investment of about IRs.6 billion up to 2004-05. Four proposals from Nepal with an investment of IRs.33.8 million has been approved till December, 2004.

(b) The India-Nepal Treaty of peace and Friendship as well as the bilateral Treaty of Trade provides a facilitating environment for Indian investments in Nepal. The two countries also have a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and are currently negotiating a Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement.